

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A playable surface, comprising a relatively hard substrate, at least one layer arranged thereon of a resilient and/or damping material, and a top layer arranged in turn thereon, wherein permanent air chambers are formed in ~~the relatively hard substrate and/or~~ the layer of resilient and/or damping material during or after ~~arranging arrangement of the substrate or~~ layer ~~respectively~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the permanent air chambers take the form of recesses in the upper part of ~~the relatively hard substrate and/or~~ the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

17. (Currently Amended) The surface as claimed in claim 16, wherein a profiled mat formed from a biologically degradable material or from a material with a ~~low~~ lower melting point than the resilient and/or damping material is arranged on the layer of resilient and/or damping material, [[and]] wherein the permanent air chambers are defined by the profile of the mat.

18. (Currently Amended) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the permanent air chambers comprise spaces formed by removing inclusions in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

19. (Currently Amended) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the permanent air chambers comprise intermediate spaces between relatively large granules in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

20. (Currently Amended) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein a profiled mat is arranged between the relatively hard substrate and the layer of resilient and/or damping material and over which the resilient and/or damping material is spread, [[and]] wherein the permanent air chambers take the form of recesses in the lower part of the layer of resilient and/or damping material are defined by the profile of the mat.

21. (Previously Presented) The surface as claimed in claim 17, wherein heating wires are received in the mat.

22. (Currently Amended) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the top layer is a synthetic turf.

23. (Currently Amended) The surface as claimed in claim 15, further comprising means, a device connected to at least some of the permanent air chambers, for generating an air circulation therein.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The surface as claimed in claim 20, wherein heating wires are received in the mat.

26. (New) The surface as claimed in claim 16, wherein the recesses are created by a moving machine provided with protruding parts.

27. (New) A playable surface, comprising a relatively hard substrate, at least one layer arranged thereon of a resilient and/or damping material, and a top layer arranged in turn thereon, wherein air chambers are formed in the relatively hard substrate during or after arrangement of the substrate, and the air chambers taking the form of recesses in the upper part of the relatively hard substrate created by a moving machine provided with protruding parts.